

REMARKS

The helpful and courteous interview granted applicants' attorney by the Examiners on April 23, 2003 is noted with appreciation. The claims have been revised as a result of the discussions at that interview.

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 9 now specify that the phosphor layers are located on the back plate of the claimed plasma display panel. During the interview, it was acknowledged that the phosphor layer of the article of Shinoda et al. '500 is on the face plate. The phosphor layer is not on the back plate as the instant claims now require. No change has been made to claim 7 because it is specifically directed to a back plate for plasma display panels.

The rejection of claims 1 to 11 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable of Sasao et al. '860 in view of Shinoda et al. '500 and Ueoka et al. '349 is respectfully traversed.

It is believed that the claims as revised patentably distinguish over these reference for the reasons presented in the Request for Reconsideration filed December 18, 2002 and the reasons given above. The references in combination do not teach or suggest the structure and arrangement of the articles of the instant

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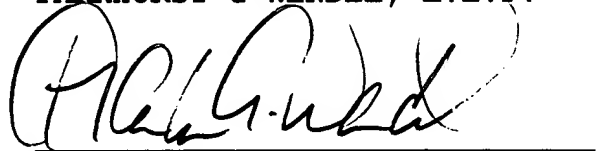
claims. There is no reason provided after a consideration of the reference either singly or in combination to place the phosphor layers on the back plate.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Should the only outstanding issue be the presence of non-elected claim 12, the Examiner is authorized to cancel that claim for that express purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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